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September 1 Kentucky Crop Production Forecast

Corn production in **Kentucky** is forecast at 268 million bushels, up 1% from the August forecast but up 6% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 185 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from last month and up 1.0 bushels from the 2020 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.45 million acres, up 70,000 acres from 2020. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 15.0 billion bushels, up 2% from the August forecast and up 6% from last year's production. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 176.3 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from last month and up 4.3 bushels from 2020. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 85.1 million acres, up 1% from the August forecast and up 3% from 2020.

Soybean production for **Kentucky** is forecast at 98.5 million bushels, down 6% from the August forecast and down 3% from 2020. Yield was estimated at 55.0 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from last month and unchanged from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.79 million acres, down 50,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.37 billion bushels, up 1% from the August forecast and up 6% from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 50.6 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month and up 0.4 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 86.4 million acres, down slightly from the August forecast, but up 5% from 2020.

Kentucky burley tobacco production is forecast at 74.0 million pounds, unchanged from the August forecast and up 3% from 2020. Yield is projected at 2,000 pounds per acre, unchanged from last month and up 50 pounds from the 2020 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 37,000 acres, unchanged from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is forecast at 87.2 million pounds, up 3% from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 43,450 acres, up slightly from 2020. Yields are expected to average 2,006 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from last year.

Production of **Kentucky dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 28.7 million pounds, up 5% from the August forecast and up 38% from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is forecast at 16.8 million pounds, up 9% from the August forecast and up 17% from last year.

CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, September 1
KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2020	2021	2020	2021 ²	2020	2021 ¹		2020	2021
						Aug 1	Sep 1 ²		
	KENTUCKY								
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Corn ³	1,490	1,550	1,380	1,450	184.0	183.0	185.0	253,920	268,250
Soybeans ³	1,850	1,800	1,840	1,790	55.0	54.0	55.0	101,200	98,450
Wheat, Winter ^{3,4}	510	520	340	370	63.0	88.0	--	21,420	32,560
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	51,400	52,400	2,086	2,210	2,280	107,235	119,460
Burley	--	--	37,000	37,000	1,950	2,000	2,000	72,150	74,000
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	8,300	8,700	2,500	3,000	3,300	20,750	28,710
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	6,100	6,700	2,350	2,300	2,500	14,335	16,750
	UNITED STATES								
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Corn ³	90,819	93,304	82,467	85,085	172.0	174.6	176.3	14,182,479	14,996,417
Soybeans ³	83,084	87,235	82,318	86,436	50.2	50.0	50.6	4,135,477	4,373,927
Wheat, Winter ^{3,4}	30,415	33,683	23,024	25,443	50.9	51.8	--	1,171,022	1,318,735
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	198,060	223,200	1,966	2,096	2,102	389,413	469,090
Burley	--	--	43,310	43,450	1,956	2,000	2,006	84,697	87,165
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	14,350	15,050	2,631	2,984	3,157	37,755	47,510
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	9,800	11,000	2,331	2,222	2,344	22,845	25,780

¹ Commodities with estimates not available are (denoted by "--"). ² Forecasted. ³ Area harvested represents grain. ⁴ Includes area planted in preceding fall.